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FACILITATOR'S GUIDE

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The most important of principal work of the Church is Evangelism. Without evangelism taking place the Church has no right to exist, and will ultimately DIE! If the Church is too busy for Evangelism, then it is too 'Busy'.

THE PLACE OF EVANGELISM

a. In the life of Christ

Christ's first request (Matthew 4:19)

Christ's central message (Matthew 1:21)

Christ's final command (Mathew 28:19; Acts 1:8)

Christ's plan for the Church (Matthew 16:19)

Christ's example (John 4:32-34)

Christ's verdict (John 4:36; Matthew 9:37)

b. In the Scriptures any ministry must be founded on

Biblical Concepts. 5 words to consider:

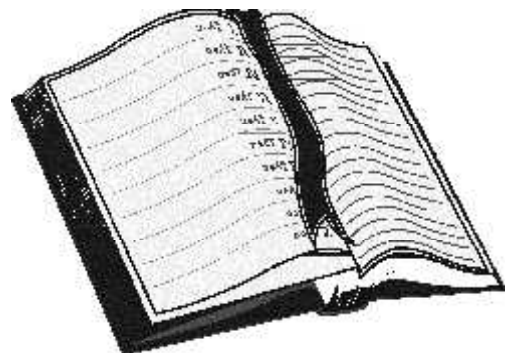
Evangelize: Proclaim

Announce: Herald

Teach: Explain

Witness: Mature

Disciple: Learner



To effectively communicate the Gospel we must know and understand certain **biblical terms**:

Sin: **Missing the Mark**

Atonement: **At one with God**

Salvation: **Deliverance**

Repentance: **Change of Mind**

Faith: **Surrender**

Forgiveness: **To send away**

Justification: **Declares Righteousness**

"Just as if you've never sinned"

c. In the Life of Paul we see it in:

- His Making - **Conversion** (Acts 9: 1-9)
- His Motivation - **2 Corinthians 5: 11&14**
- His Message - **Reconciliation** (2 Cor. 5:14,19)
- His Method - **Athens** (Acts 17:16)
- **Agrippa** (Acts 25: 23-27)

d. In the Early Church

Certain signs are found in the Early Church that makes it an Evangelistic Church!

1. Responsive to **Christ's Authority**
2. Reliant upon the **Holy Spirit**
3. Regular in **Intercessory Prayer**



4. Responsive to the Lost

e. A definition of Evangelism

- What it is not
- What it is

2. THE PROBLEMS OF EVANGELISM

- It's the real thing - where the rubber hits the road.
- A Pastor is not an Evangelist in gifting or heart.
- The over-enthusiastic ruin it for the cautious & sensitive.
- Failing to accept the different types of evangelism.
- The sects and their errors spoil it for those with the truth.

3. THE PRICE OF EVANGELISM

- Commitment and Sacrifice. Take up your cross and follow.
- Requires a Holy Life. Holiness and Evangelism are linked (Romans 12:1; Ephesians 1:4 & 1Peter 1:15 & 16).
- Giving time to memorizing the outline and learning the techniques of sharing it.

- **Demands** everything you've got - You must perform on the job.

4. THE PLAN OF EVANGELISM

- The **Leadership** plan
- The **Multiplication** plan
- The **Training** plan
- The **Church** plan
- The **Balanced** plan
- The **Anointed** plan

Professor Michael Green said:

"Whenever Christianity has been at its most healthy, evangelism has stemmed from the local church and has had noticeable impact on the surrounding area. I do not believe that the re-christianization of the West can take place without the renewal of local churches in this whole area of Evangelism"

May it be said of us, as of the Thessalonians in 1 Thess 4: 8, "your faith in God has become known everywhere!"

THE MAIN THING - 'WHY?'

1. BECAUSE OF WHAT THE MAIN THING IS:
 - a. A debt that must be paid (Romans 1 : 14)
 - b. A passion that must be fulfilled (Romans 1:15)
 - c. A message that needs no apology (Romans 1: 16)
 - d. A power that is inexhaustible

2. BECAUSE OF THE NEED OF THE WORLD

Distinguish wants / needs

1. Needs Healing of past Hurts
2. Needs Help for present Problems
3. Needs Hope for the future Life



Tell the world there is sight for its blindness

Tell the world there is balm for its healing

Tell the world there is a song for its dumb

Tell the world there is blood for its cleansing

Tell the world there is life for its dying

"Tell them of Jesus and bid them to come!"

3. BECAUSE THE CHURCH IS FAILING

The church has done a poor job over the years of effectively communicating the Gospel (Rev 2: 1-5)

It has lost its :

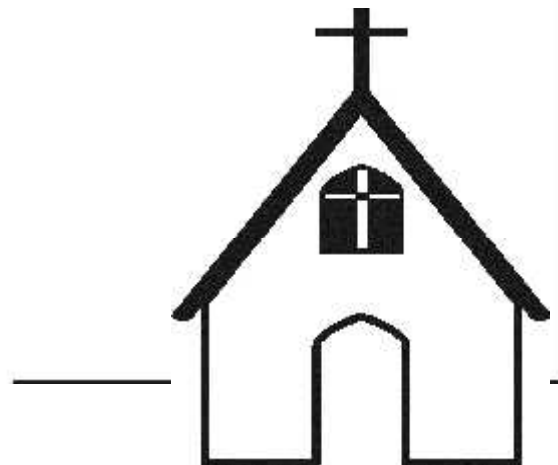
1. Passion Bader said, “When Christians fail to evangelize, the very existence of the Church is threatened.”
2. Power “The health curve of the Church throughout the centuries, can pretty well be plotted by the warmth of its evangelistic fervor.”
3. Purpose Bonar said, “No soul will be in heaven, without a human mark upon it’s body.”
4. Plan Many churches fail to plan or set goals.
5. Priority - i.e. Philosophies:
 - Debt of Evangelism
 - Missions v Evangelism
 - Witness & Evangelism
 - Money & Evangelism

4. BECAUSE OF THE ACTIVITY OF THE DEVIL

He distracts the Church

He divides the Believers

He deceives the Leaders



5. BECAUSE THE CHURCH HAS THE CAPACITY AND THE POTENTIAL FOR EVANGELISM.

- Leadership plan
- Multiplication plan
- Balanced plan
- Training plan
- Anointed plan



**Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all
creation. (Mark 16: 15)**

THE MAIN THING - 'HOW?'

*The 'how' deals with plans, strategies and goals. To fail to
plan is to plan to fail! Even to dream is fine, but to dream
without a plan is to plan to fail*

1. RIGHT PRINCIPLES

- a. Church is the army (Matthew 14:19; 16:18,19)

3 Circles of People:

- b. Pastor is the general (Ephesians 4:11)
c. Laymen are the troops (Ephesians 6:13)
d. Gospel is the weapon (Romans 1:16)
e. Soldiers in training (Ephesians 6:13; 2 Tim 2:2)
f. Training on the job (Mark 3:13,14)

2. RIGHT HEART

- **Pure heart (Psalm 24:4)**
- **Clean heart (Psalm 51:10)**
- **Confessing heart (Psalm 32:5)**
- **Compassionate heart (Matthew 9:36)**
- **Compelled heart (2 Corinthians 5:14)**

3. RIGHT CONTACTS

- **Visitors Book or Cards**
- **Sunday School Families**
- **New Residents in area**
- **Guest Services**
- **Vacation Bible Club etc.**

4. RIGHT PRESENTATION

A. Introduction

- a. **Secular**
- b. **Their Church**
- c. **Our Church**
- d. **Testimony**
- e. **Questions**

2. Gospel

- i. **Grace**
- ii. **Man**
- iii. **God**
- iv. **Christ**
- v. **Faith**

3. Commitment

- a. **Questions**
- b. **Implications**
- c. **Prayer**
- d. **Assurance**
- e. **Immediate follow-up**



5. RIGHT FOLLOW-UP

1 Thessalonians 2:8. Many new testament books are follow-up letters

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6. RIGHT STRATEGIES

Leadership to be committed and involved

Start small – Concentrate on being regular

Do the work –Grace now, glory later

Good administration – Keep records

7. RIGHT FAITH

Be positive and expectant (Hebrews 11:6)

FINAL WORD “The fire shall ever be burning upon the alter, It shall never go out” (Leviticus 6:13)

THE MAIN THING — ‘WHO?’

Factors surrounding the “WHO?” of evangelism that we need to consider:

1. THE LEADERSHIP FACTOR

- a. Christ’s example
- b. Christ’s equipping
- c. Christ’s evangelism seen in the 4 great C’s:
 - The great Call (Matthew 4:19)
 - The great Challenge (Matthew 28:4-8)
 - The great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20)
 - The great Command (Acts 1: 8)

"Christ's last command must be our first concern!"

The Pastor as Christ's representative must be involved in leadership

- **Prayer Leadership**
- **Visionary Leadership**
- **Motivation Leadership**
- **Creative Leadership**
- **Equipping Leadership**
- **Outreach Leadership**



2. THE HUMAN FACTOR

Best seen in John 4. The woman that Jesus confronted was:

- **Confused about life, values, worship and eternal life**
- **Convicted about traditions, worship, the Messiah & lifestyle**
- **Converted to Christ and sharing His message**

**Meanwhile his disciples were: Busy, Bothered,
Blind, Barren**

3. THE DIVINE FACTOR

Divine Purpose (Acts 17:30)

Divine Privilege (1 Corinthians 3:6-9)

Divine Plan (Philippians 2:12 & 13)

Divine Power (Ephesians 3:16)

Divine Prospects (Acts 8)

Divine Propagation (Genesis 1:28, 4:1)

4. THE CHURCH FACTOR

The Church moves in evangelism when it:

- Respects a chain of command
- Regards different functions
- Recognizes its potential
- Releases its people

NOTE:

- The Pastor is the General in charge
- The layman are the Combat troops
- The Gospel is the Weapon
- Victory depends on “on-the-job-training”
- The best form of evangelism is multiplication

God has no hands but our hands to do his work
God has no heart but our hearts to love people through
God has no feet but our feet to walk in his way
God has no eyes but our eyes to see lost men
God has no mouth but our mouths to speak His WORD!